

Committee on Military Affairs be instructed to inquire into the expediency of abolishing all exemptions to service in the State not secured by the Constitution and report by bill or otherwise." Adopted.

A joint resolution relative to the transportation of persons suspected of disloyalty and treason being in order was read 2nd time. Mr. Wootten offered a substitute.¹²

The joint resolution and substitute were referred to Judiciary Committee.

The Senate then adjourned until 10 o'clock A.M. tomorrow.

Senate Chamber, November 7, 1863
10 o'clock A. M.

Senate met, prayer by the Chaplain, roll called, quorum present. The journal of yesterday was read and adopted.

Mr. White from the Committee on State Affairs on behalf of the majority reported the bill to amend the 1st Section of an act to fix the salaries of the officers and clerks therein named and recommended that it do not pass.

The following minority report was also presented: "The Committee on State Affairs have had the bill to amend the 1st section of an act to fix the salaries of the officers and clerks therein named under consideration and I beg leave to make a minority report. It appears that the present salary of the Governor's private secretary is insufficient to support an efficient office or induce the acceptance of the office. The salary of the Governor's private secretary

¹²Wootten's substitute, as printed in the *Tri-Weekly Telegraph* (Houston), November 20, 1863, was:

"Whereas, from a recent order of Major Gen. J. B. Magruder, we are advised that he has discovered the presence in our midst of disloyal citizens:

Resolved 1st, By the Senate, (the House concurring,) that we accord to Major Gen. Magruder, for his vigilance in detecting, and promptness in exposing the civil minded citizens, the plaudit of "Well done thou good and faithful servant," and bid him God speed in the good work.

Resolved 2nd, That Maj. Gen. Magruder will find a ready preliminary solution to any difficulties that may arise in disposing of parties so arrested, in the sixteenth section of the bill of rights, which declares that "No citizen of this State shall be deprived of life, liberty, property, or privileges, outlawed or exiled, or in any manner disfranchised, except by due course of the law of the land."

Resolved 3rd, That the Governor be requested to see that the rights of all citizens of Texas be adjudicated upon the principles formed in the organic law.

is now less than that of any other clerk of equal importance. I therefore as a minority of the Committee recommend the passage of the bill."

One of the Committee

Rice Maxey

Mr. Ford made the following report: "The Committee on Public Printing and Contingent Expenses have contracted with the publishers of the *State Gazette* for the publication of 2,000 copies each of the Governor's message and the valedictory at the following price.

For the former	\$293.32
" " latter	168.00

\$461.32

Under this contract the Senate is to furnish the paper upon which to publish said documents which will cost about the sum of \$280.

The Governor's inaugural address is not yet ready for the printer. The charges for the *Gazette* are as follows per hundred copies:

For the <i>Tri-Weekly</i>	20 dollars
" " <i>Weekly</i>	30 dollars.

The committee have not closed a contract for papers as they believe it will be many hundred dollars cheaper to procure the weekly instead of the *Tri-Weekly Gazette*. I am therefore directed to report the accompanying resolution and ask its adoption: "**Resolved** that the Committee on Printing be authorized to contract for 10 copies of the *Weekly Gazette* for the use of each Senator, provided the same shall contain the proceedings of the Senate and be paid for in Confederate States Treasury notes."

Mr. Guinn introduced a bill for the relief of George E. Burney. Read 1st and 2nd times and referred to Committee on Claims and Accounts.

Mr. Harcourt introduced a bill to incorporate the Columbus Tap Railway Company. Read 1st and 2nd times and referred to Committee on Internal Improvements.

Mr. Holland introduced a bill for the enrollment and organization of state troops. Read 1st and 2nd times and referred to Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Harcourt introduced a bill to suspend the location and survey of public lands. Read 1st and 2nd times and referred to Committee on Public Lands.

The report of the Committee on Public Printing was taken up.

Mr. Dickson called for a division of the questions embraced in the reports. So much of said report as refers to the printing of the valedictory address of Governor Lubbock and the inaugural of Governor Murrah was adopted.

The question being on the adoption of the resolution proposed Mr. Guinn offered the following as a substitute: "**Resolved** that it is the sense of the Senate that the Committee on Public Printing do not contract for any copies either of the *Tri-Weekly* or *Weekly Gazette* for the use of Senators under the resolution adopted yesterday."

Mr. Harcourt moved to postpone further consideration of the subject until Tuesday next. Carried.

On Mr. Harcourt's motion a bill to amend the 1st section of an act to fix the salaries of officers and clerks therein named was taken up and the yeas and nays upon the adoption of the majority report stood thus:

Yeas: Messrs. Charlton, Dickson, Durant, Ford, Guinn, Holland, Jowers, Kinsey, Montague, Selman, Throckmorton, Weatherford, Wootten, Wilson, and White—14.

Nays: Messrs. Beasley, Harcourt, Hartley, Haskell, Lea, Maxey, Mitchell, Moore of Davis, Moore of Bastrop, and Quayle—10.

A message from the House announced the appointment of the following committees to act in conjunction with committees of the Senate on the same subjects:

Frontier Defense: Messrs. Kyle, Ranck, Tyler, Jones, Buckley, Howard of LaVaca, Thaxton, Prince, and McCarthy.

Military Board: Messrs. Buckley, Lollar, Patton, McGuire, Walker, Sampson, Bush.

The Senate then adjourned until 10 o'clock A. M. on Monday next.

Senate Chamber, Monday, November 9, 1863
10 o'clock A. M.

Senate met, prayer by the Chaplain, roll called, quorum present. The journal of Saturday was read and adopted.

Mr. Kinsey presented the memorial of sundry citizens of his district asking permission to organize a Minute Company for certain purposes. Referred to Committee on Military Affairs.